(SRI M. MUNISWAMY.)

Fields in 1938 for starting a separate Sanatorium in the name of late King George ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—I understand that the collection made is in the name of Captain G. B. Willius and in that connection a cheque for Rs. 10,000 was given by the Kolar Mining Companies in that year.

Sri M. MUNISWAMY.—Could the Government allot all the amount collected for the purpose of the Sanatorium ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—I may say in this connection that the members of the Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board had made a representation to the Hon'ble Chief Minister in the month of July for starting a T. B. hospital. Attempts are being made; proposals are being made; and it is under the active consideration of the Government.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA (Bangalore District—General).—Have the Government added interest to that amount?

The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—It is not with us.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA.—I understand that the principal should have been doubled by now.

The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—That amount is not handed over to the Government.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug District—General).—Have the Mining Companies come forward with donation ?

The Hon'ble Sri H. SIDDAIYA.—We are consulting them now.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question time is over.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Deaths due to snapping of electric wires on the ground in the Brigade Road, Bangalore.

Q.—5. **Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY** (Kolar District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the tragic incident resulting in the death of three people in the Brigade Road, Bangalore, on 7-10-1951 at 8 P.M. ;

(*b*) whether the deaths were due to high voltage electric wires coming into contact with the persons ;

(*c*) why had the electric wires fallen on the ground ;

(*d*) is it because they were old and worn out ;

(*e*) whether it is true that there are many such old and worn out high voltage insulators ?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) An insulator snapped owing to lightning stroke and the wire also snapped as a result.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Had these insulators been examined prior to the rainy season ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—They are being examined periodically from time to time ; not merely before the rains but all through the year.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—With reference to the answer to (*c*) may I know whether immediately after the lightning stroke the matter was ascertained by the Electrical Department and whether they rushed to the spot ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.—The accident took place almost at the same time as the snapping of the wire. As Major Koshi was getting down from his car the wire snapped and fell and as soon as the matter came to the notice of the Department the authorities rushed to the spot and effected repairs.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—How long after the information reached the department the authorities came to the spot ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T.BHASHYAM.—Immediately after they came to know of the accident the current was switched off and the repairs made.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ರಂಗರಾಮಯ್ಯನವರು (ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ).—ಈ ರೀತಿಯಾಗಿ ತಂತಿ

ಗಳು ಕೆಳಗೆ ಬಿದ್ದು ಇನ್ನೂ ಅನೇಕ ಕಡೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಪಾಯವಾಗಿರುವುದು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಟಿ. ಭಾಷ್ಯಂರವರು.— ಕೆಲವು ಆಗಿಂದಾಗ್ಗೆ ಆಗಿರುವುದು ನಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ರಂಗರಾಮಯ್ಯನವರು.— ಈ ಲೈನುಗಳನ್ನು ತನಿಖೆ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.— We have got a regular inspection staff who go about inspecting these places.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ರಂಗರಾಮಯ್ಯನವರು.— ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಒಂದು ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಇದೆಯೇ ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಟಿ. ಭಾಷ್ಯಂರವರು.— ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಷ್ ಸ್ಟಾಫ್ ಇದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ರಂಗರಾಮಯ್ಯನವರು.— ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿನಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದಾವರ್ತಿ ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಷ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಟಿ. ಭಾಷ್ಯಂರವರು.— All through the year ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಲೇ ಇರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಏನಾದರೂ ವಿಶೇಷ ಫಿರ್ಯಾದು ಬಂದರೆ ಕೂಡಲೇ ಹೋಗಿ ನೋಡುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ರಂಗರಾಮಯ್ಯನವರು.— ತಂತಿ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಬೀಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣ ಇನ್ಸುಲೇಟರ್ ಒಡೆದದ್ದೇ ಅಥವಾ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ತಂತಿ ಬಿಗಿಯದೇ ಇದ್ದದ್ದೇ ?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಟಿ. ಭಾಷ್ಯಂರವರು.— ಇನ್ಸುಲೇಟರ್ ಒಡೆದುಹೋಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ವರದಿ ಬಂದಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ರಂಗರಾಮಯ್ಯನವರು.— ಹೀಗೆ ಅಕಸ್ಮಾತ್ತಾಗಿ ಅಪಾಯಕ್ಕೊಳಗಾಗಿರುವವರಿಗೆ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕಟ್ಟಿಕೊಡುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.— That does not arise out of this question.

Sri K. SAMPANGI RAMIAH (Kolar District—General).—Is not lightning an act of God ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.— Undoubtedly it is.

Deaths in Brigade Road due to electrocution.

Q.—6. **Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS** (Retroceded Area—General). —

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the gruesome tragedy that took place on Sunday the 7th instant on Brigade Road by electrocution ;

(*b*) the steps they will take to see that such tragedies do not occur in future ?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Every precaution is being taken to avoid such accidents.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Do the Government emphatically say that this incident was beyond the control of the department ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.— I am afraid I have to say "yes".

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Is it wise to carry wires of 4,000 and 11,000 volts right in the heart of the City where there is such heavy traffic ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.— Undoubtedly it is not desirable but we cannot have all our own way because instead of overhead wires we have to have underground cables. It would mean quite a lot of money. Even so, we are trying as far as possible to replace overhead wires by underground cables.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Four years ago a scheme was submitted to the Government that all overhead wires should be replaced by underground cables ; is it not so ?

The Hon'ble Sri K.T. BHASHYAM.— I am glad the question has been put by the Hon'ble Member. We have such a scheme ; we have estimated it at ninety lakhs and the Finance Department was good enough to sanction thirty lakhs for it and we are going ahead with it.